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LOCKING OBJECTS USING SHARED LOCKS

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**AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this papers.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.